loye bope he pe werk of pe fulfilled
gospel entrīge. & fro pe baptym
of pe lord. bigynnynge to preche god.
ne tranelide not to leye pe natiu
ite of flesh. pe which he hadde
leye in ope bifore / but he expresl
ige pe exposicion of al pe desert.
hap sheewid out pe fastīg of noū
bre. op pe noūbre of fastīg: pe tēp
tacion of pe fend. pe cōgregacion
of beestis. & pe seruyse of aūgels /
pat he ordeynynge us to vndirstode:
alle pigris in short peynting to
gidre. nep pe entrounte of pīg do.
shulde do awey. & in parformynge
shulde not deuye. fulnesse of pe
werk / forsope he is seid. to haue
pyn knit awey his pombe. pat he
mizte be had as vnworpi to pis
hood: but so nyche mizte clean
oū bifore ordeynied. acordīge to
pe feip. pat nepir so in pe werk of
pe word. he shulde leese pat ra
per he hadde disserued on kynde /
¶ For of alexandre he was bisshop
of whō by alle pīgis werk op in
tencion was to kīne. bope to dis
pose pe seynigis of pe gospel ī hī
silf. & pe disciplyne of lawe to kno
we ī hī silf. & pe natiu of god to
knowe ī pe flesh or ī pe māhood
of pe lord / pe whiche pīgis in us
silf first it bihouey to be restrid:
afterward we wolen pīgis sonst
to be knowū. hauīge pe meede of
exortacion / for he pat plonty. & he pat
moistip bep pe same. but he pat zy
uep encrees is god. ¶ Here endip
pe plog. & bigynnep pe gospel.

THe bigynnyng / Capitulum primum
of pe gospel of ihū crist:
pe sone of god / as it is
writū ī ysaye pe prete

lo I sende myn aūgel bifore pi face:
pat shal make pi weye redy bi
fore pee / pe vois of a cryere in
desert. make ze redy pe weye
of pe lord: make ze his paths riz
tful / John was in desert. baptiz
ge: & prechīge pe baptym of pe
uatice unto remyssioū of synes / and
al pe kittre of Judee went out to
hī: & alle mē of ierlm / and pei we
ren baptisid of hym in pe flood iordā:
& knowlechīde her synes / and John
was clopid wip heeris of camel: &
a gurdil of skyn was aboute his lī
dis / and he eet locustis & hony of pe
wode. & prechide seyīge / a stronger
man I shal come after me: of whō
I kneliīge. am not worpi forto / vn
do or / vnbynde pe lace of his shoon
I haue baptisid zou in watir. forso
pe he shal baptise zou ī pe hooly goost
¶ And it was don ī yo dayes. ihū cam
fro nazareth of galile: & was bap
tisid of John ī iordan / and anōō he
stayīge up of pe watir syz heue
nes openyd. & pe spirit comīge
doun as a culiver. & dwellīge ī hī
and a vois was made fro heuene /
pū art my sone loued: in pee I haue
plesid / and anōō pe spirit puttide
out hī into desert / & he was ī de
sert. fourty dayes & fourty nyz
tis: & was tēptid of sathanas
and he was wip beestis: & aūgels
myn ministridē to hym / forsope after
pat John was takū: ihū cam ito gali
le. prechīge pe gospel of pe kyng
dom of god. & seyīge / for pe tyme
is fulfilled: & pe kīgdom of god
shal come nyz / forpinke ze or do
ze penaūce: & bileue ze to pe gos
pel / and he passīge bisydis pe see
of galile: syz symoūt & andrew

pe